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1. Imports of nonferrous metals into East Germany during the first half of 1953 were as follows (in metric tons):

<u>Metal</u>	<u>Country of Origin</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Total</u>
Copper	USSR	5,881 <sup>1</sup>	
		20	6,001
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Lead	USSR	4,328	
	Bulgaria	33	
	Non-Communist countries <sup>2</sup>	646	5,007
Tin	USSR	407	407
Bronze	USSR	971	971
White metal	USSR	104	104
Nickel	USSR	285	285
Aluminum	USSR	4,349 <sup>3</sup>	4,349
Aluminum foil	Czechoslovakia	20	20
Silicon	USSR	64	64
Mercury	USSR	154	154
Cobalt	USSR	24	24
Chromium	USSR	7	7

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<u>Metals</u>	<u>Country of Origin</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Total</u>
Bismuth	USSR	<u>2</u>	2
Solder	Non-Communist countries	<u>9</u>	9
Phosphor-bronze wire	USSR	<u>31</u>	31
Chrome nickel wire	USSR	<u>6</u>	6
Lead strip	Non-Communist countries <sup>4</sup>	<u>880</u>	880
Blister copper (Blister-Kupfer)	Non-Communist countries <sup>5</sup>	<u>544</u>	544
Lead copper ore	Bulgaria	<u>109</u>	109
Copper ore	Bulgaria	<u>443</u>	443
Lead concentrate	Bulgaria	<u>256</u>	256
Copper concentrate	Bulgaria	<u>1,056</u>	1,056
Lead copper concentrate	Bulgaria	<u>263</u>	<u>263</u>
			<u>21,001</u>

2. The distribution plan as originally laid down in the 1953 plan was suspended effective 25 June 1953; a new plan is now in preparation. Meanwhile an instruction has been issued by the State Administration of Material Procurement stating that private industry is to be given preference in the allotment of nonferrous metals. In order to facilitate this directive, the entire State Reserve has been taken over by DHZ Metallurgie for distribution. This Reserve, which was located at Wittenbergstrasse 1B, Leipzig, totalled some 1,600 tons consisting mainly of copper, lead, aluminum, and zinc.

Comments:

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1. Of this total, 5,481 tons were delivered in June 1953.

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2. This was delivered via Wismar

3. Of this total, 3,890 tons were delivered in June 1953.

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